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Amendments to the Specification

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Please delete the paragraph beginning on page ~~16~~¹⁰, line 28, and ending on page 11, line 4, and insert instead the following amended paragraph:

The jumper 22 has a bearing face 22b that is in sliding bearing engagement with the oblique bearing surface 19 of the connecting sliding piece 4 and has a thrust face 22c on the opposite side bearing on the fastening rod 3 to immobilize it in the transverse groove 17. The thrust face 22c (figures 1 and 2) advantageously has a lower portion ~~[[122c]]~~ 222c, which may be plane and is generally obliquely oriented toward the bottom of the transverse groove 17 to bear against an upper portion of the fastening rod 3, and an upper portion ~~[[222c]]~~ 122c that is open upward and obliquely to facilitate lateral engagement of the fastening rod 3.